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COVID-19 Ministry Event Programming

**Participant Acknowledgment of Risk AND
Commitment To Abide By Event Ministry Protocols & Guidelines**

Hosting Entity: _____
[insert either Parish or Archdiocese of Denver (with ministry office noted), as applicable]

Ministry Event Title: _____

Date of Event: _____

BACKGROUND

COVID-19, a new type of coronavirus, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. Though the science behind COVID-19 continues to evolve, it is reported to be contagious, and is currently thought to spread predominantly from person-to-person contact. Further, it appears an individual may be infected, show no symptoms, but nonetheless be capable of spreading the virus. At present, the exact methods of virus spread and contraction are not fully understood. Additionally, there is no known treatment, cure, or vaccine. Evidence has shown that in some individuals, COVID-19 can cause serious/potentially life threatening illness, and even death. As Colorado emerged from 2020’s stay-at-home/safer at home phases, prevention methods have nonetheless been identified and can be taken. The Archdiocese, its ministries, and its parishes, have therefore adopted and follow applicable mandates, protocols and guidelines issued by federal, state and local jurisdictions that are guiding in-person activities locally and nationally. Successful in-person interaction nonetheless requires disciplined cooperation by all; it is therefore incumbent upon Ministry Event Participants to follow the COVID-19 Ministry Event Protocols & Guidelines.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK

The Archdiocese, its ministries and its parishes cannot prevent Participants from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19, or any other virus or disease, while attending a Ministry Event. **It is simply not possible to prevent against the presence of the virus.** If an individual chooses to participate in a Ministry Event, the Participant/Participant’s family members may be exposed to and/or be at increased risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19, or any other virus or disease. **Participant, either individually or on behalf of Participant’s minor child, as applicable (collectively Participant) therefore acknowledges that Participant’s attendance at the Ministry Event is of such value to the Participant that Participant is voluntarily choosing to participate in the Ministry Event at Participant’s own risk.** The Archdiocese of Denver and/or hosting Parish, as applicable, is not responsible if a Participant/Participant’s family contracts COVID-19 whether during or around the period of Participant’s attendance at the Ministry Event.

COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW MINISTRY EVENT PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES.

Before and during a Ministry Event, **Participant commits to abide by the COVID-19 Ministry Event Protocols & Guidelines, including the At-Home COVID-19 Health Screening Guide.**



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Participant, either individually, or as the Parent/Guardian for the Participant minor child, acknowledges and commits as follows:

1. I have read and I understand the above Background, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Commitment to Abide by Ministry Event Protocols & Guidelines concerning COVID-19 and associated risks.
2. Participating in the Ministry Event is of such value to me/my family, I choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 for myself/my child, and/or other family members.
3. I have read, I understand, and I commit to abide by the Ministry Event Protocols & Guidelines including the At-Home COVID-19 Health Screening Guide.

ACKNOWLEDGED AND COMMITTED TO:

Participant Name (print): _____

Participant Signature: _____
only if Participant is age 18 or older

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____
only if Participant is age 17 or under

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____